Treatment in drug de-addiction wards of Delhi Hospitals

*247. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure incurred in setting up an anti-drug addiction ward at Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi and the number of patients attended to there since its inception;

(b) whether there have been any deficiencies in arrangements if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken to remove the deficiencies and the results achieved; and

(d) whether de-addiction ward has been established in-Lady Hardinge Medical College and Shrimati Sucheta Kriplani Hospital, New Delhi, if so, at what cost and how many patients received treatment there since inception?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) The following expenditure has been incurred on setting up of a drug de-addiction ward in Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi:

	(Rs. lakhs)
1987-88	1.19
1988-89	7.60
1989-90	0.40

287 patients were attended at the centre since inception.

(b) and (c) A Committee has been appointed to go into this matter.

(d) Yes, Sir. The expenditure incurred and patients treated at this centre are given below:—

EXPENDITURE :

Rs. 7.15 lakhs from 18-9-1989 to 31-3-1990.

Rs. 2.13 lakhs from 1-4-1990 to 31-7-1990.

NUMBER OF PATIENTS TREATED :

837—from 18-9-1989 to 20-8-1990.

Charging of Exorbitant un-accounted admission fees by Medical Colleges

*248. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:

SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that many medical colleges in the country are charging exorbitant-un-accounted admission fees for giving admission to underserving students; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to curb this practice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) The Government have no information regarding the actual fees charged by private medical colleges at the time of admissions into any medical course. The Medical Council of India have furnished a list of medical colleges which as per information of the Council are charging capitation fees or enhanced fees for admission to such colleges. A statement giving the names of such medical colleges is attached [*See* Appendix CLV, Annexure No. 67]

(b) The Government have already introduced a Bill in Parliament to amend the Indian Medical Council Act, under which a provision has been made to prohibit the charging of capitation fees or any amount in excess of the scale of fees prescribed by the Medical Council of India. Penalty provisions have also been made for contravention of the relevant sections, dealing with prohibition of capitation fees.